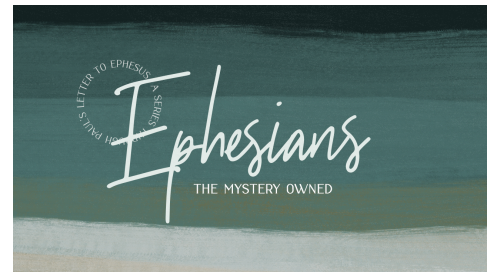


Northland Christian Church

Group Discussion Guide - Ephesians 5:25-33

For the Week of February 21, 2021



Use the questions below as a springboard for discussion. Do not feel like you have to answer every question. These are intended to help spark discussion. Refer to as needed. Ultimately we want God's answers not man's opinions. Always land where God lands. (ex: Where do we see that in the Bible?) Give grace. Give time for growth. Don't force it.

Connection and Introduction

- What's your favorite movie about overcoming or being transformed? Why is it your favorite? Why are these stories so popular?

Engage the Scriptures - Read Ephesians 5:25-33 with the group.

Discuss It

1. Should we read these verses (& the Bible in general) looking first for ourselves, others, or Jesus? Why? Who is the main point or focus of the Bible? How does this help us interpret and understand the Bible correctly?
2. How did Jesus love the church? How have you experienced His love personally?
 - Dave shared Luke 6:45, Jeremiah 17:9, and Ezekiel 36:26 Sunday as well. Read these to help give more insight into this question. You can also review Ephesians 1:3-12
3. According to verses 25-27 what should some of the goals of marriage be for husbands? What should they be pursuing for their wives and family? How often is this a focus for families; Or a focus for dating and relationships?
4. How does this teaching differ from the teaching of the culture? (In: movies, books, shows, etc.)
5. What needs to happen in order for husbands and wives to be able to live out verses 21-33? How does this quote from re|engage help?
 - **“Until you acknowledge the brokenness in your own heart and turn to the One who is ready and willing to help you, your relationships will remain broken.”**

“The success of a marriage comes not in finding the “right” person, but in the ability of both partners to adjust to the real person they inevitably realized they married.” John Fisher

6. Dave shared Sunday that we need to remember these 4 things in order to live out these verses and Paul's encouragement to live out of love and respect (Ephesians 5:33).
 - **Recognize Who your Savior is.**
 - - **It's Jesus! Only Jesus.**
 - **Recognize who your enemy is and isn't.**
 - - **It's not your spouse! (Or loved ones)**
 - **Recognize the power of a negative or a positive attitude.**
 - **Recognize the power of words.**
7. How have you seen these things to be true in your life or the lives of others?
8. How could recognizing these 4 things transform your current relationships?

Apply It

9. How can we help you practically live out Ephesians 5:21-33? How can we help and encourage each other to live this out?
10. In which area do you struggle the most? Which area do you think God is calling you to adjust and adapt the most? How can you take some steps towards progress this week?

End your group time in prayer.